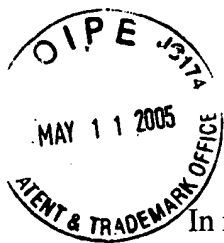


**BOX AF**

*ZW*  
*AR*



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Shigeyuki MARUYAMA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2815**

Application No.: **09/577,932**

Examiner: **Chris C. Chu**

Filed: **May 25, 2000**

Confirmation No.: **4823**

For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN ALIGNMENT MARK  
FORMED BY THE SAME MATERIAL WITH A METAL POST**

Attorney Docket Number: **000663**

Customer Number: **38834**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

**BOX AF**

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: May 11, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 24, 2005, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.